

Redmond City Council

August 5, 2024

Special Workshop Minutes

Executive Conference Room & Remote Video Conferencing

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Present: Tobias Colvin, Clifford Evelyn, Ed Fitch, John Nielsen, Kathryn Osborne (virtual), Shannon Wedding, Cat Zwicker

Excused: None

Staff Present: City Manager Keith Witcosky, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff, City Attorney Keith Leitz, Interim CDD Director Kyle Roberts, Deputy City Recorder Kayla Duddy, Police Chief Devin Lewis, Assistant City Engineer Lindsey Crooms, Finance Director James Wood, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, Communications Director Heather Cassaro, Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez

Others Present: Juniper Golf Committee: Matt McGowan, Pam Garney, Maarty Leunen, Don Noldge, Jake Van Cleave; Parks Committee: Alan Ewert, Sydney Forbes, Brad Porterfield; Chris Doty; Juniper Golf Course: Ian Fasonallo, Ralph Malowe; Mike Sharp, Juniper Golf Course and CourseCo; Steve Curley, Redmond Economic Development Inc.

Media Present: None

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Fitch called the meeting to order at 2:59 pm. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

A. Juniper Golf Course Contract Discussion with Golf Committee

The Juniper Golf Committee presented its recommendation that the Council allow the Committee to make improvements to the terms and conditions within the current operating contract with CourseCo instead of going through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, noting issues with the current contract, referencing the letter the Committee provided and citing concerns about the RFP process. If CourseCo did not agree to the new terms, the Committee would then proceed with an RFP. They also addressed issues with the current contract, the advantages of retaining CourseCo over finding a new service provider, why the contract issues were not identified sooner, and compliance and enforcement of the contract.

The Council directed the Juniper Golf Committee to negotiate the contract renewal with CourseCo on the Council's behalf and come back to the Council with a recommendation.

B. Parks Master Plan Update: Status and Next Steps

Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager Maria Ramirez presented an update on the Parks Master Plan and sought the Council's feedback on specific policies the Parks Committee was tasked to review and on how to prioritize the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The Council discussed the recommendation to follow the Forest Service's and State's e-bike regulations in the park system and suggested speed bumps and clear paths on paved roadways for ADA accommodations throughout the canyon. There was also discussion about the level of deterioration and erosion of dirt trails caused by motorized vehicles and horses. Concerns were shared about the safety of e-bikes, particularly on multi-use trails. The Parks Committee was undecided on the regulations, unsure it had all the data to make a good decision. Staff would evaluate e-bikes during the second round of public feedback and present policy recommendations in September or November.

The Council and Staff discussed the recommendation to provide lighting only in active areas outside of the canyon that people want to use after dark, believing the use of ball fields after dark would not be significant. The Council urged Staff to look at where children's athletics were not being supported due to missing lights. The cost of providing lighting at several locations was also discussed.

The Council and Staff discussed putting some artificial turf in the Central Dry Canyon to reduce water consumption, noting several safety hazards of artificial turf.

Mayor Fitch commented on the Parks recommendation to decommission social trails to ensure people stay on the trails that are provided, and suggested signage and blocking trails with boulders for sensitive environmental areas in the canyon.

The Council discussed CIP acquisitions and gaps that could be served for future parks, recommending a fire access plan for the canyon with the Fire Department and focusing on the parks in the southern corridor. Mayor Fitch explained why he recommended emphasizing the Erickson property over Pershall.

C. Initial Discussion of Phasing Options for Transportation System Development Charges (decision in September)

Public Works Director/City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan and Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Jason Neff reviewed background information on updated Transportation System Development Charges (SDCs) with the trajectory for adoption on September 24, 2024, seeking feedback on the following phasing options:

- A three-year phase-in up to about \$13,000 by adopting a \$9000 rate in October, increasing the rate to \$11,000 a year later, and then increasing the rate almost \$2000. This option would fully fund the five-year CIP.
- A three-year phase-in up to \$11,000 starting with \$9000 in October and increasing to \$10,000 a year after and then to \$11,000 in 2026. This option would leave a deficit of about \$3 million in the five-year CIP.
- A two-year phase-in to a maximum of \$11,000, leaving a similar \$3 million gap in the CIP.

The presentation concluded with next steps and clarification about the impact on affordability for smaller houses.

The majority of the Council was in favor of a two-year phase-in to \$11,000.

D. Miscellaneous Items as Needed

Mayor Fitch provided an update on the City's water volume application and the Joint Legislative Committee currently touring the state to discuss maintenance and operations.

Councilor Zwicker and City Manager Witcosky reported on Deschutes County's efforts to develop a managed camp. The camp could be discussed at the City's joint meeting with the County on October 22, 2024.

The Council discussed the possibility of the County deeding 13 acres of land to the City and a 65-year lease with Mountain View to provide transitional housing with City Manager Witcosky noting next steps and an update expected in late November.

City Manager Witcosky stated the Council would discuss the League of Oregon Cities priorities at the informal meeting on August 19, 2024, and addressed questions about the auto repair shop home business that neighbors had complained about.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

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Reviewed by Kayla Duddy, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 24th day of September 2024.

/s/ Ed Fitch
Ed Fitch, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder